

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 10-12 and 14 are pending in this application. Claims 10, 11, and 14 have been amended by this response. Claims 1-9, 13, and 15-27 have been cancelled. In light of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 10-14, Applicant now believes that claims 10, 11, 12, and 14, are in condition for allowance.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In light of the fact that claims 10, 11, and 14 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and claims 1-9, 13, and 15-27 have been cancelled. Applicant believes that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3, 6-9, and 15-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kanji Narazaki (JP 03220114) in view of Yoshihara et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,102,655) is now moot.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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